

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
10.26.2010
Full Board Committee Meeting
Radisson
8:30 AM**

Committee Members Present:

Amy Turner, Burt Danovitz, Delores Caruso, David Mathis, Elizabeth Bowers, Ervin Fuller, , Gary Scalzo, James Wallace, Karin Zipko, Patrick Costello, Phillip Williams, Mike Choquette, Terri Humphries

Staff:

Alice Savino, Tanya Davis

Call to order:

Gary Scalzo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Consent agenda:

Minutes from July 27, 2010 WIB Meeting and Financial Report for August 2010.... Approved M/S..... P. Costello/P. Williams

Guest Speaker: Shawna Papale, Senior Vice President of MV EDGE- Explained the initiative that MV EDGE has taken to keep the young people in the Upstate NY area, and help local employers address their concerns of filling future job openings of employees preparing to retire. MV EDGE in conjunction with WIB (Workforce Investment Board) and SABA (School and Business Alliance) have created, MV EDUCATORS II a presentation that teaches the young people the skill sets and clusters of job growth and includes a Construction, IT, Healthcare and other career components that show the careers and opportunities in the Mohawk Valley. **(To view the full presentation of mvEDUCATORS 2.0 go to: cmvh.org)**

Update on Utica Working Solutions Center: Delores Caruso-

Everything is on schedule with the repairs and construction and should be finished at the end of November beginning of December. The carpeting and modular units should be installed by beginning of January. The One-Stop should be opened by the end of January, once its finished there will be an open house.

Financial reporting, new software and audit update: Alice Savino-

The WIB is in the midst of their annual audit by their accountants, they will have the results to present at the full board meeting on January 25, 2011. The audit by NYS office of Financial Records and Management and had no findings or recommendations. The WIB has purchased SAGE- a MIP system for Not- for-Profits. The process of transferring information has begun and should be functioning by January 1, 2011. The system will help make the understanding of reports much easier and some report samples will be dispersed at the end of January.

**Early Planning for Summer 2011, Update Rome One-Stop
And OCWD's Current working partnerships**

David Mathis Discussed some of the plans he is working on with Oneida County for the 2011 summer programs. With the ups and downs of the economy, funding is at the whims of the economic downturn, OCWD is working hard with Howard Meddleman (UCSD) and OC BOCES to start looking at alternatives to enhance the funding for the 2011 summer programs. Working at the State and Local level, he is also working with the school districts trying to find a different model to work with, , and bringing together grant writers from BOCES and OC Workforce Development to find ways to get funding. The major summer program TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) that is funded at the State level had a 60% reduction in funding this year, the program was managed but hours were cut in half to work with 300 youth. David is taking a proactive approach in planning for a successful 2011 summer youth program.

Terri Humphries - Manager of the Rome One-Stop talked about the centers new opening. Now that they have moved to Rome Plans to have an open house are in the works. The Rome Center has opened incrementally with more staff hires and new furniture. Customer's numbers have tripled because of the closing of Rite Aid Corp, Sherrill Manufacturing, Daimler Bus and Premiere. The move has been very successful because of the need in this part of the county.

Grant Report: Alice Savino-

There are 5 grants from NYS that will not be refunded at this time, and there will be staff cuts. It has nothing to do with our area, performance or staffing. They are cutting the funding and hopefully with the change of the Governor, RFP's will come out and we will continue to respond to any proposals that are out there. By the end of January 2011 the 5 grant programs that are ending: *Emerging and Transitional Worker, the Wage Subsidy Program, Disconnected Youth, and Wheels for Work, Adult Reentry Employment for Ex-Offenders*. There are 2 programs that had their funding cut: *Career Pathways* and *Disability Program Navigator (DPN)*, the 75% cut is being covered with WIA money and the State is paying 25% with the hopes that it will come back. We continue to look for other grant funding opportunities, talking with staff to let them know what the issues are and exploring the effects of the job losses and staff.

MOU- meeting minutes and meeting dates available online:

The MOU has been completely signed, and a PDF has been sent out to members, if anyone would like a hard copy along with copies of all signatures please contact Alice Savino

Meeting minutes are now on the web site along with Executive Committee and Full Board meeting dates: **www.working-solutions.org**

Other Business:

A meeting will be scheduled to put together a Committee to come up with ideas to promote the uniqueness of our community.

Pat Costello- Construction Career day was a success, it generated 419 students. There were 14 stations with various hands on opportunities to run equipment. A lot of the superintendents also attended. SABA and Howard Meddelmen has done an excellent job with getting the word out about the event.

Board Member Pat Costello announced that there was a State Workforce Investment Board Meeting since the last Full Board Meeting. There's no chairman of the Board at this time, the new appointed Governor will choose someone as soon as elections are done. They are looking for a couple of businesses to join the State Workforce Investment Board. there are supposed to be 25 members on the board right now there are only 12. The next State Workforce Investment Board meeting is in December and Pat will brief everyone at the next full board meeting.

Next Board Meeting is January 25, 2011 at 8:30 AM at the Radisson. Other Board Meetings for this program year is April 26, 2011, Meetings are held at 8:30 AM at the Radisson Hotel.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM